

# SYMBOL OF SWASTIKA

RESEARCH SHOWS THAT IT IS OF VAST ANTIQUITY.

Commonly Accepted as the Sign of Good Luck—Traces Found in Records of Every Known Race.

Washington.—The Swastika is the oldest known symbol, having its origin in the cross and the circle. As far back in the night of time as we are able to trace the records of man's life on the globe by the sculptured remains of temples and pillars we find the cross and circle, painted on ancient pottery, brodered on sacred vestments, sculptured on ruined monuments and figuring in the religious mysteries of all races.

To form an estimate of the age of the Swastika we must look back, archaeologists tell us, to the period of time when the pole star was in Cygnus, 17,000 B. C., apparently that of the first conception of the zodiacal year.

While the Swastika is held in common acceptance to be a lucky and



The Zodiac and the Swastika.

auspicious object, meaning to thousands simply good luck, it is interesting to trace the origin of the belief and find why for ages upon ages it has been so held by races widely divergent in place and time.

It may be safely asserted that investigation of the records of every known race has revealed traces of the Swastika. It has been found on the pottery of the mound builders in Mississippi, showing identity of design with symbols from India, in what is called the Swastika—sitting position of the Hindus—and those of the Mayas and Aztecs, while in the remains of the prehistoric race of lake dwellers in Switzerland the Sistras is identified with the staff of jingling bells held in the hand of a statue of Buddha in India on whose base is a row of Swastikas.

It appears on the foreheads of gods in temples and on the walls of the cave temples in India, and also on Brahmin mountains. It is placed on the breast of the dead in Tibet, and ornaments the petticoats of the women of that country. It is shown in the ruins of Algeria and on the bronze ingots of aborigines in Ashantee. In our own America numberless ruins give testimony to the antiquity of this symbol.

In 1901 Dr. Berson, a German savant, discovered the ruins of an Aztec temple in which he reports "constantly finding the Swastika in its primeval, in its derived and in its highly advanced forms." In his opinion positively identifying them with an age prior to that of Enoch.

Although greatly obscured since the days of the "Divine Dynasties," yet we owe to the Egyptians the preservation of many of these symbols and the recovery of many of the truths so veiled. Each of the many discoveries of archaeologists in Egypt at the present time is proving a rich treasure to those who hold the astral key of interpretation.

These spiritual truths became in course of time materialized and, losing

sight of the real mysteries, the symbols became objects of worship. Hence in this day we see this grandest of all cosmic symbols degraded in popular estimation to a charm or amulet worn to bring "good luck."

From the illustration some idea of the formation of the Swastika and its relation to the zodiac is seen, the outer rim being the "wheel" of Ezekiel, and the four beasts forming the arms of the cross, named in the Bible as the bull (Taurus), the lion (Leo), the eagle (Scorpio), and the man (Aquarius). These "beasts" correspond to the four elements, so called, of earth, air, fire and water, which are the foundations of the manifested universe.

Cabalistically the Swastika corresponds to the number ten. Ten has always been esteemed the number of the Deity. The number one expresses "the universe visible," and the cipher at its right hand "the infinite vast," which we cannot conceive. The Rosicrucians referred the highest and most abstract ideas of number to the ten emanations of the Deity, for in them they recognized "the key to all things."

## FORMER WATER BOY RUNS ROAD

Patrick H. Houlahan Promoted to General Manager of Alton.

Chicago.—Patrick Henry Houlahan, general superintendent of the Chicago & Alton and the Toledo, St. Louis & Western railroads since January 1, 1908, has assumed the duties of his recent promotion—general manager of two great combined railway systems, with headquarters in this city.

From a water boy and track hand in 1870, to one of the country's most prominent railroad men in 1908, has been the experience of Mr. Houlahan, and each step he has taken in his upward climb has shown him to be the possessor of those qualities of pluck and energy which are the essentials of really forceful men.

Mr. Houlahan was born March 13, 1855, at Ottawa, Ill., and at the age of 12 years entered the railway mail service. In 1870 he was a water boy and track hand on the Ottawa, Oswego & Fox River Valley road. Later he was employed on the same road in various positions from track hand up to baggage man and station agent. In 1875 to 1880 he was brakeman and conductor on the Chicago & Alton, and in 1881 was promoted to assistant trainmaster of the St. Louis division.

On July 1, 1884, he was appointed trainmaster of the St. Louis division of the Burlington system; May to November, 1886, master of transportation, Missouri and Kansas division, St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas railway. From November, 1886, to April, 1890, trainmaster, and April, 1890, to May, 1891, assistant superintendent; May, 1891, to June, 1892, superintendent west division; June, 1892, to December, 1904, superintendent, Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad.

From December, 1904, to date, Mr. Houlahan has been general superintendent of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western, and from January 1, 1890, also general superintendent of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company.

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## Oldest Park in America.

New York city has one public park that is 250 years old, and that is Bowling Green, which was the playground of the first Dutch settlers.

## Growth of German Baptists.

The German Baptist Brethren have organizations in 41 of the states with 1,154 churches, an increase of 58 over the last report.

## SAVED FROM MATERNAL WRATH.

Boys' Fervent Prayer Was Answered in the Nick of Time.

A suburbanite is fond of telling this story of his five-year-old son Bobby. Being of an inquiring turn of mind the youngster one day managed to turn on both faucets in the bathtub to see what would happen. It chanced that the stopper was in place, and the tub rapidly filled up, to the great delight of Bobby. Finally, however, the tub became so full that it threatened to overflow on to the floor, and Bobby, having a proper respect for the maternal slipper, became frightened and tried vainly to turn off the water. Being unable to, for some reason, he gazed tearfully at the ever-rising flood, and then, mindful both of his religious training and the occasional visits of the plumber, he plunged down on his knees, and his elder sister, who happened to be passing at the moment, heard him exclaim, fervently:

"O, Lord, please stop this water running! And, O, Lord, if you can't do it, please send somebody that can!"

His prayer was answered, for his sister rose to the occasion and turned off the water and temporarily saved Bobby from the much-feared slipper.

## Had Been Attended To.

An Italian went up to the civil service commissioners' rooms in the federal building the other day to be examined for a laborer's position. He answered most of the questions correctly. Finally they asked him if he had ever been naturalized. He seemed a bit puzzled, but at last his face lighted up.

"Ah, I know what you mean. Scratcha de arm. Yes, lasta week,"—Philadelphia Ledger.

## DROPPED COFFEE

Doctor Gains 20 Pounds on Postum.

A physician of Wash., D. C., says of his coffee experience:

"For years I suffered with periodical headaches which grew more frequent until they became almost constant. So severe were they that sometimes I was almost frantic. I was sallow, constipated, irritable, sleepless; my memory was poor, I trembled and my thoughts were often confused.

"My wife, in her wisdom, believed coffee was responsible for these ills and urged me to drop it. I tried many times to do so, but was its slave.

"Finally Wife bought a package of Postum, and persuaded me to try it, but she made it same as ordinary coffee and I was disgusted with the taste. (I make this emphatic because I fear many others have had the same experience.) She was distressed at her failure and we carefully read the directions, made it right, boiled it full 15 minutes after boiling commenced, and with good cream and sugar, I liked it—it invigorated and seemed to nourish me.

"This was about a year ago. Now I have no headaches, am not sallow, sleeplessness and irritability are gone, my brain clear and my head ateady. I have gained 20 lbs. and feel I am a new man.

"I do not hesitate to give Postum due credit. Of course dropping coffee was the main thing, but I had dropped it before, using chocolate, cocoa and other things to no purpose.

"Postum not only seemed to act as an invigorant, but as an article of nourishment, giving me the needed phosphates and albumens. This is no imaginary tale. It can be substantiated by my wife and her sister, who both changed to Postum and are hearty women of about 70.

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## Wheels.

He was a great inventor. "The thing I am working at now," he began, stroking his thin beard with a thinner hand, "will be a boon to every family and will startle the whole world. In fact, it will put the alarm clock trust out of business. The idea is simply specially prepared tablets that help you to get up in the morning. For instance, if you want to arise at 5, you take five tablets; if you want to get up at 6, take six tablets, and so on."

"But how will it affect the alarm clock trust?"

"Why these tablets will cause a ringing in the ears at exactly the hour desired—"

But the little crowd could wait to hear no more and hurriedly disbanded. —Harper's Weekly.

## A Few Years Hence.

Mrs. Knickerbocker (boastfully)—My ancestors came over on the Mayflower.

Mrs. Van Seadds (pityingly)—Too bad, so slow and such wretched accommodations, too! Now, mine waited and came over on the Lusitania—first cabin at that.

## Matrimonial Repartee.

He—Why, oh, why was I ever foolish enough to marry?

She—Don't ask me! I gave up that same conundrum long ago.

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